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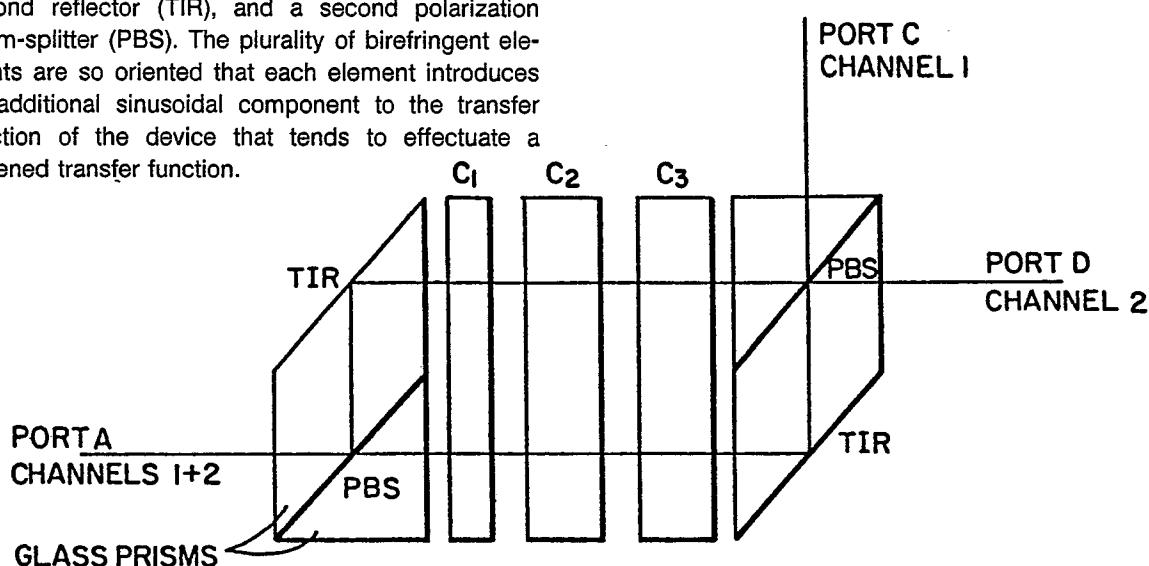
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### ㉒ Birefringent optical multiplexer with flattened bandpass.

㉓ A birefringent optical wavelength multiplexer/demultiplexer (Fig. 2) includes a first polarization beam-splitter (PBS), a first reflector (TIR), a plurality of birefringent elements (C<sub>1</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>), a second reflector (TIR), and a second polarization beam-splitter (PBS). The plurality of birefringent elements are so oriented that each element introduces an additional sinusoidal component to the transfer function of the device that tends to effectuate a flattened transfer function.



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FIG. 2

TIR: TOTAL INTERNAL REFLECTION SURFACE

PBS: POLARIZATION BEAM SPLITTER

C<sub>n</sub>: nth BIREFRINGENT PLATE



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